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WEATHER.

Western Oregon—Fair, probably light snow south portion, slightly warmer.
Eastern Oregon—Continued cold.
Western Washington—Fair, slightly warmer.

A TRENCH SIGN.

One of the trenchant signs of the over-bearing insolence of corporate wealth in this country, is the repeated, deliberate and conscienceless contumacy of the "industrial captains" in refusing to answer the interrogatories of the committees appointed by the great communities to investigate their methods of doing business.

SUSAN B. ANTHONY.

Whatever of opposition there may have been, or still is, to the code of ethics championed by the late Susan B. Anthony, there is only a universal and kindly remembrance of the noble woman who devoted her whole life to the betterment of her sex.

MONEY AND SPORT.

The chief engineer of the steamship Roanoke has been arrested in San Francisco for tampering with her engines during an ocean race with some other steamers lately, when, it is alleged, he plugged and weighted the safety valve to expedite the Roanoke's chances.

ceverly hoped the federal authorities at the Bay City will make a thorough-going example of the case in point. It would seem the Valencia horror might influence the temper and disposition of those in charge of sea traffic and compel the observance of every precaution for the safety of people and goods, and that such boy's play as is reported at the Roanoke and her officers might not occur to harass the business, and drive away patronage.

STRAIGHT TALK.

Trained politicians are hardly graceful in ridiculing the aims or the methods of the national conference on primary and ballot reform and electoral corruption now in session in Manhattan. Such as they admit the present conditions, because they are used to working under them. But it must be remembered that present conditions are an improvement over those which preceded them.

EDITORIAL SALAD.

If they had known he was coming, they might have had an inspector at the pier to search Andrew Hamilton for explosives, and prevent this nervousness.

The New York County Grand Jury is willing to wait and have the rules explained, but indicates it is mighty anxious to get into the insurance game.

An exchange which keeps its readers posted reports a lumber dealer as ill with the shingles.

What New York most needs is an ordinance limiting the height of buildings to, say, the cloud level.

Paris has put a ban on American pianos—but what of the American pianists?

They are wasting good money out in Nebraska on talk-fests to boom a gentleman named Bryan on for the presidency. They've got the habit.

They have now determined the date when Humpty Dumpty had his great fall: it was the day the egg trust collapsed.

Chicago running home after dark from fear of the "boogers" would be very funny if it were not so serious. It's getting risky to leave a policeman out after nightfall.

General Bingham's phrase, "deader than Hector," may offend the purists, but it has at least one conspicuous merit—it gives the phrase, "Dead as Julius Caesar," a rest.

Pure Vermont maple syrup is now being made in the Vermont sugar camps, and also in various manufactories which have fine cuts of the Vermont woods on their labels.

Merely as a general observation, the hearing of which lies in its application, it may safely be asserted that no great party ever originated in a week end "house party" where the guests arrived in automobiles.

Which are we to believe? Here is a bricklayer-geologist at work in lower Broadway who tells us that New York City rests on a foundation of "ordinary gneiss." Some of the stump orators last fall declared that it was sleeping on a volcano.

The "Daily Kennebec Journal" finds matter for congratulation in the suspension, even though temporary, of the proposed Lippincott dictionary. "Of seven volumes or more." The publishers had spent \$400,000 and only got down to the word "dog", after many years of expert labor. Surely, as the Scriptures have it: "Of making many books there is no end, and much study is a weariness of the flesh." Let's stick to the book attributed by an orator to Daniel Webster, and wait awhile till the language gets sort o' settled down.

The Hon. James M. Griggs, of Georgia, has been chosen chairman of the Democratic Congressional Committee. He carried the House for the Democracy in 1902 up to election night—and even for several nights after. Mr. Griggs's return to leadership assures the country another vivid and optimistic campaign.

President Roosevelt's message on coast defence recalls Kipling's remark some ears ago about America being "temptingly spankable." Since that time continental America has ceased to be so tempting in that respect, but to

Hawaii, Porto Rico, Guam and the Philippines the remark could be literally applied.

First England, as a result of observations of the Russo-Japanese War, began building an 18,000-ton battleship. Next Japan laid the keels of two such vessels. Then France decided that she would have three of them. Now we are told that Germany will increase to that size two which she is about to build. As our readers will recall our having observed before, the era of big battleships does not seem yet to be past.



The Harm Wrought By New York's Ultra Fashionable Set

By Rev. MADISON C. PETERS, New York

I HAVE been into the cafes of the Astor, the Waldorf, Sherry's and other fashionable hotels, and nine women out of ten will order drinks of the same kind that their escorts order AND QUITE AS MANY OF THEM. I have watched these women and I have wondered if they realized what those same men thought of them deep down in their hearts.

They think (mark you, I am voicing the sentiments of the man about town when I say it)—they think these same young women are all right for a time, but they would not MARRY such women.

And this brings naturally to mind the thought, Why are there in New York city today thousands of men in their thirties and forties, men of means or of excellent salaries and incomes, who are not married? And why are there so many instances of men marrying, as society puts it, "BENEATH THEM?"

The answer is because so many of the daughters of their own fashionable set are given to drink, cigarette smoking, gambling (for that is what bridge whist has resolved itself into) and to kindred vices. It is because men of the world and of society realize that SUCH WOMEN ARE NOT FIT TO BECOME THE MOTHERS OF CHILDREN, not fit to preside at their tables and over their households.

Not many of these men, finding the women of their own circle given over to these vicious habits, go "beneath it" and find honest young women whose names are not in the social register as their help-meets.

The cause of these conditions is largely due to the fact that the women of society have nothing to do. They are deprived of the attention and society of their husbands; they are without children and housekeeping cares, and they become MERE PLEASURE SEEKERS, and before they know it they are brought to that state of mind where all of their faculties are engaged in discovering modes of selfish enjoyment.

If there were MORE CHILDREN in the homes of the rich there would be less dissipation. Think of it, on Fifth avenue from Washington square to Ninety-fifth street there were only fourteen children born last year. On Madison avenue from Twenty-third to Ninety-fifth street there were only fifty-four births during the past year. These figures are eloquent.

THE ONLY REMEDY FOR THESE TRULY GRAVE CONDITIONS IS FOR THE WOMEN TO FIND AN AIM THAT IS WORTHY OF THE DEEPEST AND STRONGEST IN THEIR NATURES. ANY SERIOUS PURPOSE WILL SAVE WOMEN FROM FRIVOLITY.

We find that these women seldom read; they have no thirst for knowledge; they seldom cultivate their minds by study. Only the other day I was going up in the elevator of one of the most fashionable hotels of the city when I heard a young woman say to another, and it was then 9 o'clock, "I haven't done a thing all day but play bridge."

That is only an example of what women do with their time. I am told that the gambling whist habit has become so prevalent that women—dozens and dozens of them—go from house to house, from fashionable hotel to hotel day after day and night after night, reviving themselves by drinks of various sorts. Of course there are those who would criticise a man of the cloth for offending his fashionable pew renters, perhaps, by telling the truth about these alarming conditions.

The conditions are all the more grave when one considers that the ENTIRE COUNTRY is influenced by the doings of members of the ultra fashionable circle of New York. Their every movement is heralded in the society columns and their amusements are taken AS A PATTERN by other silly women all over the land.

When Mrs. Astor eludes she has a thousand followers; if Mrs. Fish plays bridge the smaller fry will follow suit, and if all of fashionable society drink and smoke the entire country will feel its vicious influence.

THAT IS WHERE THE MOST HARM IS DONE.

The Federal Supervision of Railroads

By THOMAS P. FOWLER, President N. Y. O. and W. Railway

THE possible effect of federal rate supervision on traffic conditions will depend almost entirely upon THE SORT OF SUPERVISION the government provides. The question of railroad rates, like the digging of interoceanic canals, is a serious problem and cannot be mastered IN FOUR YEARS by the most talented and erudite of mankind.

The effect is likely to be disastrous to the railroads and calamitous to any government that assumes the responsibility of placing the limitations or regulation of railroad rates IN THE HANDS OF DREAMERS and amateurs. The problem of eliminating wrongful rebates and any sort of discrimination is another and a comparatively simple matter and could safely be left WITH THE COURTS if those who are now seeking to usurp extraordinary authority and RATE MAKING powers were willing to leave it there.

Political Information

Announcements of candidates for office will be published in these columns at reasonable rates for men of all parties.

REGISTRATION

Registration books opened by County Clerks, Tuesday, January 2, 1906. Registration books closed for Primary Election, April 10, 5 p. m. Registration books opened after primary election, April 2. Registration books closed for general election, May 15, 5 p. m.

DIRECT PRIMARY ELECTION

County Clerks give notice of Primary Election not later than March 21. Last day for filing petitions for placing names on ballot for state, congressional and district officers, March 31. Last day for filing petitions for County officers, April 4.

DATE OF PRIMARY ELECTION, APRIL 20, 1906.

Canvassing votes of primary elections for state officers, May 2.

GENERAL ELECTION

Last day for filing certificates of nomination for state officers by assembly of electors, April 15. Last day for filing nominating petitions for state officers, May 4. Last day for filing certificates of nominations for county officers by assembly of electors, May 4. Last day for filing nominating petitions for county officers, May 9.

GENERAL ELECTION, JUNE 4

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CANDIDATES ANNOUNCEMENTS

FOR GOVERNOR.

Republicans of Oregon are hereby informed that I am a candidate for the nomination of Governor at the primaries to be held April 20th. JAMES WITHEYCOMBE.

FOR SECRETARY OF STATE.

I hereby announce myself a candidate for the office of Secretary of State, and ask the support of all Republicans. F. T. WRIGHTMAN.

FOR ATTORNEY-GENERAL.

The undersigned hereby announces himself as a candidate for re-election to the office of Attorney-General, subject to the approval of Republican voters at the primaries. A. M. CRAWFORD.

FOR STATE PRINTER.

The undersigned announces himself as a Republican candidate for renomination for State Printer, subject to the decision of the Republican voters at the primary election, April 20.

Now serving first term. The same courtesy that has been accorded to State officers generally, that of a renomination, would be greatly appreciated. J. R. WHITNEY. Albany, Oregon.

FOR SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION.

I hereby announce myself as a candidate for renomination for the office of Superintendent of Public Instruction, and solicit the support of all Republicans at the primaries, April 20th. J. H. ACKERMAN.

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